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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 930,000 head as of April 1, 2010. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month's inventory and 11 percent below April 1, 2009 inventory. The inventory included 630,000 steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 295,000 head, are down 19 percent from a year ago. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, no change from last year's number. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 190,000 head of fed cattle during March 2010. This was 9 percent above the previous month's marketings and 23 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March, up 16 percent from February 2010 placements and up 12 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in March, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 38 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 24 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for March, at 5,000 head, was no change from last month, but 5,000 head less than last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

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